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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION

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1. MEA DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS (VERMA) INFORMED POLCOUNSELOR AUG 23 THAT HE WAS VIRTUALLY SURE INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL WHILE HE WAS IN COLOMBO TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24. VERMA SAID INDIAN COUNSELLOR IN NEW YORK HAD RECOMMENDED THIS POSITION AND IT WAS ONE WHICH WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED IN MEA. VERMA ALSO NOTED THAT INDIANS HAD TAKEN A FORMAL RESERVATION ON THE LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO IN THE NAC POLITICAL DECLARATION (COLOMBO 3136).

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST CONFIRMATION OF INDIAN RESERVATION ON PUERTO RICO WHICH EMBLOMBO CAN PROVIDE. VERMA SAID VERY FEW PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF INDIAN RESERVATION (OR OF SIMILAR RESERVATIONS, HE CLAIMED, BY NUMEROUS OTHER COUNTRIES). ASSUMING VERMA IS REPORTING ACCURATELY, AND WE HAVE NOT FOUND HIM TO BE UNRELIABLE ON SUCH THINGS IN THE PAST, CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS IS FIRST TIME THE INDIANS WILL HAVE GONE ON RECORD AGAINST A

NAM PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THE PAST IN TONING DOWN RESOLUTIONS. IT WOULD REPRESENT, THEREFORE, A SIGNIFICANT GOI GESTURE TO US SENSITIVITIES. WE HOPE DEPT WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS TO INDIAN EMBASSY AND AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION AT SENIOR GOI LEVEL HERE.
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